

# SMOKE SIGNALS

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## Board of Trustees Meeting August 12, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 7 PM with the Pledge of Allegiance. There were 12 guests present.

### New Trustee

Chair Kim Bonham introduced and listed qualifications for James E Smith to fill the vacant position of Trustee. JC Zalog moved to appoint Smith for the position. Brett Stump seconded the motion, the motion carried 4-0 and Bonham swore Smith in as new Trustee.

### Approval of Minutes

The minutes of July 8<sup>th</sup> meeting were approved with corrections (5-0) as were the minutes of the July 31 special meeting (5-0).

### Treasurer's Report

The financial report for the month of July, 2003 was presented by Treasurer JC Zalog. Zalog moved to accept the treasurer's report. Jim Daily seconded the motion, noting that the fixed assets did not include the police vehicle, road grader, or real estate owned by the Village which will be corrected after the meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

### Old Business

#### Wastewater Project

Bonham noted that a special meeting was held on July 31<sup>st</sup> to approve a budget revision for Stone Environmental to complete the wastewater ordinances. At

that meeting, motion to approve the revision was tabled pending information from Attorney Tom Motley. Bonham read Motley's letter regarding the wastewater project. Bonham introduced Motley to those in attendance.

Greg Maycock noted that Stone Environmental amounts paid to date are \$29,174.00. There is \$1,692.00 in travel expenses, not billed as yet for the work sessions. The cost of the meeting on July 15, 2003 was \$879.00 and the estimate that has been provided by Stone Environmental on the revision

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## Project Aware Seeks Support and Volunteers

By Kent Turner

Indian Point is honored to be selected as the headquarters for this area's annual Project Aware underwater lake cleanup. This is part of the 18th annual International Cleanup Day sponsored by PADI (SCUBA divers organization) and local organizations. Last year over three hundred volunteers gathered together on shore and underwater to pick up trash and litter in Table Rock Lake. This year's event promises to be even larger extending in to Lake Taneycomo. Scuba Sports is hosting the event, dubbed "Splash For Trash 2003" at Table Rock Marina at Rock Lane Resort on September 20th and 21st.

Volunteers are needed to lend and/or drive pontoon boats, help in making box lunches, etc. The public is invited to attend an outdoor dinner and celebration on Saturday evening. The meal will include whole roasted hogs, deep fried turkeys and all the trimmings. The cost is \$14.95 per person, including dinner, drink, tax and tip.

We ask for your help with an Indian Point shoreline and roadway cleanup between now and September 21st. Show our support and appreciation to those who are coming from all over the Midwest to help clean up

our lake. Our lakefront resorts will be collecting litter from their shorelines and adjacent roads. Residents and businesses are asked to clean the remaining shorelines and along all of our roadways. Together we can make a big difference in just a few days.

TV, radio and newspapers will be covering the activities on September 20<sup>th</sup>, creating an opportunity for Indian Point to be at the center of a major and positive ecological event. If you can help in any way or need additional information please call Kathy at the Village office ASAP.

## Village Website

The Village of Indian Point website is now up and running. Use the site to find current information about the village, meeting minutes plus copies of current and past newsletters. You will find forms, information about your village leaders and useful links to other sites. Visit the site at <http://indianpoint.us>. As always your comments and suggestions are encouraged.

## Pot-Luck Planned

The Village Activities and Development Committee has scheduled a community Pot-Luck Dinner to be held at 5:30pm on October 6th, at the Village Resort clubhouse. Village Activities Coordinator, Jeannie Lucke, has planned an evening of fun and entertainment. This will also be your chance to meet and get to know all of our trustees Village Superintendent, Kathy Isaacs, and Chief of Police Forrest Thompson. Chief Thompson will also be speaking about security issues and forming Neighborhood Watch districts on the Point. No RSVP is necessary. Just bring a main dish and either a side dish or a dessert. Coffee and iced tea will be provided. Bring any other drinks you may want. This will be a very casual affair and everyone is welcome, especially families.

## News Briefs...

### Local Chamber Services

The Indian Point Chamber of Commerce provides local residents with services including finding lodging. The office has a considerable amount of area brochures, discount offers and maps; all free of charge. Residents may also drop off packages for friends to pick up later. Judy, the long time office manager, knows a lot of people on Indian Point and daily gives directions to suppliers, visiting relatives, and to services on resident locations. Please drop by this little office that does a big job.

### Geocaching

In cooperation with the Ozark Mountain Nature Trails Association, Indian Point and Branson Lakes Chambers of Commerce, our peninsula has three geocaches. Geocaching is worldwide adventure activity using inexpensive GPS units to seek out hidden caches base on coordinates provided via a website. Caches are small containers usually containing trinkets and a log book. A user finding the cache signs the log book and may exchange an item in the cache. Indian Point cache sites have received considerable activity and acclaim, positively affecting the image and economy of our community. Additional information and the location of the Indian Point geocaches can be found at <http://www.geocaching.com>.

### Isaacs keeps Village Running Smoothly

Kathy Isaacs began as the Village Superintendent back in June. It is her job to run the day to day business of the Village.



After living in the Kansas City area all her life, Kathy moved to Indian Point for a more restful, peaceful life! Kathy is no stranger to Indian Point, as she started visiting here over 30 years ago. Her mother and father purchased a lot in

the area, and after her father passed away, her mother built on the lot and moved to the Point with her brother. When her brother moved off the Point, Kathy and her husband, Duane, purchased the house and moved down here

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### The Old Gang by Arno Wehr, Jr.

Back in the early 1960's Indian Point truly had an interesting beginning. Arch Mayden, a very tall man, stood at the end of the peninsula explaining to Joe Buzan, a short man, what the future of Indian Point would be. Arch waved his arms at where he thought restaurants, resorts, boat docks and stores would eventually be built. Joe remembers they were standing in six foot tall grass and the he had to jump to see what Arch was pointing at. Those were the new years when John "The Diver" Hoynacki and Dow Quick had to haul their water from Reeds Spring. Wilma Fullerton watched the newly formed lake come up towards her cabins and wondered if it would stop. Names like Stotts Point Hotel, Wakoo, Thunderbird, Capp Kenny, Cabana City and Witthaus Resort all became part of the local "getting's on". The community had a dream that included a church, res-

taurants, a gas station and a hair dresser. All these things came through; including the development of Silver Dollar City. A young man named Jack would visit Indian Point locals and invite them to lunch with his mother Mary at their new park. Each person in those early years knew that our small peninsula would have a bright future. Twenty-five years later the old gang gathered at Bentrete Lodge to share their stories and their hopes for what Joe called "The Gem of the Ozarks". That night 125 leaders of our area community realized the importance and contribution that they played in the development of Indian Point and the Branson community. Ever since those early years our little peninsula has provided special people who looked to the future of our community.

*Trustees meetings are held on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00 PM in the community room at the Treehouse Condominiums. All residents are encouraged to attend. If you have a comment, suggestion or idea to improve your Village come to the meeting and be heard. You may also or contact the Village office at any time.*

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to finish the project is \$12,734.00. Stone Environmental has agreed to fix the contract at this amount. Greg Maycock stated that \$10,000 is required to finish the project. Zalog moved to allot an additional \$10,000.00 to complete ordinances for wastewater with Stone Environmental. Daily seconded the motion. Motion carried 5-0.

Stump asked if it was too late to go back and sue Archer Engineering for the previous wastewater project. Attorney Tom Motley stated the statute of limitations is five years and he will check into same.

### **New Business**

#### **Ordinances**

Bonham read Ordinance Bill No. 66-03-4, Rescinding ordinance 46-00-2 *Procedures for the Board of Trustees Meeting* (1<sup>st</sup> reading), Ordinance Bill No. 67-03-5, Establishing *New Procedures for the Board of Trustees Meeting* (1<sup>st</sup> reading) and Ordinance Bill no. 68-03-6, minor subdivision plat on Bob & Peggy Posey property. Zalog moved to approve Bill No. 68-03-6 and Stump seconded. Motion carried 5-0.

#### **Appointment – Village Attorney**

Daily moved to accept Tom Motley as the Village of Indian Point attorney at a monthly retainer fee of \$200.00 for a maximum of three hours work additional hours at \$110. Zalog seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Preliminary Plat Extension**

Bonham stated the Planning and Zoning Commission approved a one year extension for the preliminary plat for Indian Point Condominium Reserved properties. Daily moved to accept the extension. Seconded by Zalog, the motion carried 5-0.

#### **Ordinances – Second Reading**

Bonham did the second reading of

Bill No. 66-03-4 Rescinding Ordinance 46-00-2 *Procedures Board of Trustees meeting*. Zalog moved to approve the bill, Daily seconded and motion carried 5-0.

Bonham did the second reading of Bill No. 67-03-5 Establishing *New Procedures for the Board of Trustees*. Daily moved to approve the bill, Zalog seconded and the motion carried 5-0.

Bonham read Bill No. 69-03-6 *Village of Indian Point, Missouri Title II Public Health Safety & Welfare and Title III Traffic Code* for the first time. Ordinance was read by Titles only.

### **Committee Reports**

#### **Police & Safety**

Chief of Police, Forrest Thompson, gave a report on the past month explaining that our ORI number has been issued and we are now ready to operate on our own. Uniforms are now ready. For calls, please call 911 for emergencies and call the non-emergency number for Stone County for any other calls and they will forward to our police department. For any other matters, call the Village office and calls will be forwarded to Chief Thompson.

Discussion was held regarding the traffic problem with Silver Dollar City on weekends. It was determined that Indian Point Chamber and the Village of Indian Point be involved in working on a solution to this problem.

Stump explained that the police vehicle is still requiring some additional equipment. Stump moved to purchase a \$1400 radar gun for the vehicle. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Stump stated he had contacted Alltel regarding a cellular telephone for Thompson. Alltel has a government rate plan. Discussion was held regarding coverage of Alltel

versus Cingular cell phones.

### **Planning & Zoning**

Greg Maycock explained that items on the Planning and Zoning meeting: a preliminary plat extension for Indian Point Condominiums, the minor subdivision plat for Bob and Peggy Posey and a sketch plan for a planned residential development down Long Lonesome Road to be called Tall Timbers. The Planning and Zoning commission reviewed the preliminary sketch plan and made suggestions to be considered in the continuing development plan and ask that the developer consider a planned development district.

### **Wastewater**

Maycock stated that at the meeting discussion was held regarding the revised contract amount for Stone Environmental to complete the wastewater ordinances. Now that a decision has been made tonight, the project can be continued. The second issue was Heithaus Engineering presented the most recent version of the facility plan for Jake's Creek Trail area for the development of wastewater facilities.

### **Roads**

Daily gave a review of stop signs that are down and stated they will be replaced. He also advised that H&H Asphalt still needs to do some work for the village. Daily advised the Trustees that he is attempting to get all work finished, but if all attempts fail, he will turn this over to our Village Attorney. It was also noted that several flags have been stolen and have been replaced. Zalog expressed concern about the hole in front of Deer Run and also around the curves where the asphalt has washed away. Daily expressed concern regarding our tree service therefore, a minimum of three bids will be sent out for tree service.

### **CAAD**

Kent Turner reported that the com-

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mittee is meeting twice a month prioritizing and planning events for the Village of Indian Point. Turner also noted that articles have appeared in the newspaper as part of the public relations project. The committee has also spent time on the image for Indian Point along with the Community building and trails.

Turner noted that the Village of Indian Point is involved with the Economic Development for Stone County. He gave remarks regarding his visit with Jim Talent during the past week.

## Approval Accounts Payable

Zalog asked for any comments regarding the 2002 Audit for the Village of Indian Point. Bert Leman reviewed the audit per the Trustees request and noted that he was not impressed with the way the numbers were displayed in some areas and noted that the audit was a boilerplate audit for businesses. Leman suggested that in the future to look for another auditor that will give more detail. Zalog moved to accept the tentative draft audit. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

Zalog moved to pay the accounts payable. Daily seconded the motion, motion carried 5-0.

## Second Reading

Bonham read Ordinance No. 69-03-7, *Village of Indian Point, Missouri, Title II Public Health Safety and Welfare and Title III, Traffic Codes* by title only. Roll call vote taken, ordinance approved (5-0).

## Comments from Trustees

Stump inquired about the wastewater program for Jake's Creek Trail. Maycock stated the project would hopefully start construction in the

spring.

## Comments from the Floor

Ron Benson asked if he would have to hook up with the wastewater project and it was stated that everyone would have to hook up.

Benson inquired about snow removal for the upcoming season, as the grader did a considerable amount of damage to the roads last winter. Daily is looking into a 1-ton dump truck with blade and spreader and possibly trading in the grader.

Turner informed everyone about the underwater clean up project that will be held on Indian Point on September 20, 2003.

Meeting adjourned at 8:45 p.m.

Next Meeting September 9th at 7:00 PM in Community room at Treehouse Condos.

*The preceding is a summary of the August 12, 2003 Trustee meeting and is not the approved meeting minutes.*

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full time.

To people that know Kathy, she is a workaholic, she constantly has to be busy, whether working in her yard or on the job. Kathy is married to Duane and together they have five children and 10 grandchildren.

Kathy comes to the position of Village Superintendent with experience. Kathy's career started in 1965 working for Santa Fe Railroad. After her tenure at the railroad, Kathy started in the world of city and county government. Kathy served as department head for the Mill Levy Senior Services in Wyandotte County and was instrumental in developing a transportation program in the county to enable senior citizens to travel to dialysis and doctor's appointments, along with the meal on wheels program. When Kathy left government work, she started working at the Board of Realtors in Kansas City and continued working there until she moved down to the Point. Kathy is knowledgeable in the areas of grant writing, accounting, and established the grass roots program for governmental affairs for the Board of REALTORS®, and is quickly learning the other aspects of her position.

Kathy work in the village office during office hours. Please stop in for you village needs or just to say "Hi".